

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

IN RE APPLICATION OF: Katsushi ASAI

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SERIAL NO: New Application

EXAMINER:

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FOR: METHOD FOR PREPARING BIOREACTOR

**REQUEST FOR PRIORITY**

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- Full benefit of the filing date of U.S. Application Serial Number 09/566,721, filed May 9, 2000, which is a Continuation of 09/147,678, filed February 12, 1999, now U.S. 6,165,758, which is the National Stage of International Application No. PCT/JP97/02663, filed on July 30, 1997, is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §120.
- Full benefit of the filing date(s) of U.S. Provisional Application(s) is claimed pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119(e): Application No. Date Filed
- Applicants claim any right to priority from any earlier filed applications to which they may be entitled pursuant to the provisions of 35 U.S.C. §119, as noted below.

In the matter of the above-identified application for patent, notice is hereby given that the applicants claim as priority:

<u>COUNTRY</u>	<u>APPLICATION NUMBER</u>	<u>MONTH/DAY/YEAR</u>
Japan	8-212387	August 12, 1996
Japan	8-212383	August 12, 1996

Certified copies of the corresponding Convention Application(s)

- are submitted herewith
- will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee
- were filed in prior application Serial No. filed
- were submitted to the International Bureau in PCT Application Number PCT/JP97/02663, filed on July 30, 1997. Receipt of the certified copies by the International Bureau in a timely manner under PCT Rule 17.1(a) has been acknowledged as evidenced by the attached PCT/IB/304.
- (A) Application Serial No.(s) were filed in prior application Serial No. filed ; and
- (B) Application Serial No.(s)
  - are submitted herewith
  - will be submitted prior to payment of the Final Fee

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